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With the freſheſt ADVICES, FOREIGN *and* DOMESTIC.

To the PRINTER, *&c.*

SIR,

By inſerting in your Gazette, the Addreſs to the CLERGY, *in the* WHITEHALL EVENING POST *of* April 24, 1755. *And ſubjoining what follows from me, you will oblige,* *Your moſt humble Servant,*

THOMAS WARRINGTON.

A PROVISION having been made, by the Aid of Parliament, for the Widows and Children of the Miniſters of the Church of Scotland, it has been under the Conſideration of ſome very eminent Men in the Church and State, how far this might be a Direction for a Scheme of the like Nature, for the Widows and Children of the Clergy of the Church of England. The Want of a ſufficient Maintenance for them has always been a Matter of Lamentation and Complaint: And as our Neighbours have led the Way, and ſhewn us that ſuch a Scheme is neither viſionary nor impracticable, ſome Propoſals have been drawn, by Way of a Plan for a Bill to be preſented to Parliament the next Winter. Theſe Propoſals will ſoon be publiſhed; and all thoſe who are deſirous to be thoroughly informed of ſuch a Scheme, are referred to that Pamphlet when it appears. But in the mean while, to give a general Idea of the Undertaking, and to make it more known than it otherwiſe would be by the Time of Viſitations, which is juſt at Hand, it has been thought neceſſary to give the following ſhort Account to the Public in this Manner.

"It is propoſed, that every Miniſter of the Church of England, who either now is, or hereafter ſhall be, poſſeſſed of any Dignity or Benefice, above the clear yearly Value of 50l. ſhall be ſubject to one or other of theſe annual Rates, viz. either to the Sum of 2l. 10s. or of 3l. 10s. or of 5l. 5s. or of 8l. 8s. at the Option of ſuch Miniſter, to be tranſmitted by him to the Truſtees within a limited Time, and in Default of ſuch Notice, that he ſhall be adjudged to have made his Election of the annual Rate of 3l. 10s. and be liable to ſuch accordingly during his Life."

"That every Miniſter who either now is, or hereafter ſhall be, poſſeſſed of any Dignity, Benefice, or Curacy, not above the clear yearly Value of 50l. may have his Option to be liable to any of the Rates abovementioned, in the Times and under the Regulations aforeſaid; but unleſs he ſignifies his Conſent in Writing to the Truſtees, no ſuch Miniſter ſhall be adjudged liable to any Rate at all."

"That theſe annual Rates, and the Intereſt of all other Sums which may be given for the better Maintenance of the Widows and Children of the Clery, after the Expences of Management ſhall be defrayed, ſhall be applied to the Payment of an Annuity to the Widows of ſuch Miniſters in the following Manner; that is to ſay; if the Huſband was ſubject to the Rate of 2l. 10ls. his Widow ſhall be entitled to an Annuity of 15l. If ſubject to the Rate of 3l. 10s. the Widow to receive an Annuity of 20l. a Year. If the Huſband was liable to the annual Rate of 5l. 5s. his Widow ſhall be entitled to an Annuity of 25l. And if liable to the annual Rate of 8l. 8s. his Widow to receive an Annuity of 30l. a Year.

"That every Miniſter ſubjected to any of theſe Rates, and who ſhall die not leaving a Widow, but one or more Children, under twenty Years of Age, ſuch Child or Children ſhall be entitled to a Sum of Money equal to an Annuity of ten Years, in Proportion to his Rate, as aforeſaid: Which, in Caſe there ſhall be more Children than one under twenty Years old, ſhall be paid to ſuch of them as the ſaid Miniſter ſhall appoint by his laſt Will, and in Default of ſuch Appointment, ſhall be equally divided amongſt them."

"That if the Widow of any Miniſter ſhall die or marry within the Lapſe of ten Years after the Commencement of her Annuity, and who ſhall have a Child or Children by her deceaſed Huſband, at her Death, under twenty Years of Age, the Child, or Children, ſhall be entitled to a Sum of Money equal to ſo many of the ten Years Annuities as ſhall not have been received by the Widow. But the ſaid Widow's Annuity not to ceaſe at her Marriage, if her Huſband left no Child under twenty Years of Age."

"That no Miniſter of the Age of fifty Years at the Time of making his Option of the annual Rates, ſhall be allowed to chuſe either of the two higheſt Claſſes, without a Declaration accompanying ſuch Option, that no Part of his Family ſhall claim the Benefit of the Annuity correſponding to it."

"That the Surplus of the ſaid annual Rates, during the firſt ſeven Years, ſhall be veſted by the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, who are intended to be the Truſtees, in the public Funds as a capital Stock; the Intereſt of which, and of the Benefactions given to this Fund, together with the Produce of the annual Rates, to be applied to the Payment of the Annuities. At the Expiration of this Term, the ſaid Intereſt and the Surplus of every current Year to be paid in equal Proportions as above, to the Widows and Children of ſuch Miniſters as ſhall not have been liable, or voluntarily ſubject to any of theſe Rates."

"That if any Deficiency ſhall happen in any Year in the Fund hereby intended, every Annuity to abate pro rata in Proportion."

Theſe are the material Clauſes in the Scheme; and that the Widows of thoſe Counties where a voluntary Contribution is ſet on Foot, may not ſuffer, it is propoſed, that the Truſtees may be enabled to pay them the ſame Annuity which they now receive, during their Lives.

This is a Scheme ſo much calculated for the Benefit of the Clergy, as, it is to be hoped, will meet with their Approbation. Whatever Amendments can be made in it, either before, or after, it comes into Parliament, will be very thankfully received; and it is only deſired by Perſons concerned in this, that when it is conſidered by the Clergy, they will communicate their Senſe of it to their Archdeacons, if it may be done at the enſuing Viſitations throughout the Kingdom, or in any Way that is moſt agreeable and convenient.

To the CLERGY *of the Church of* ENGLAND *in* Virginia.

I COULD not forbear deſiring the above to be immediately inſerted in the Gazette for your Conſideration, becauſe, I think, it highly concerns us to get included in the abovementioned Act, if it paſſes; and the Time for that may be but between this and ſome Part of the next Winter. As you may not have Time to fall upon any better Method, let ſo many of you as concur with me in my Sentiments on this Occaſion, ſignify ſo much to me by Letter, Poſt paid, and I will endeavour to have your Deſire tranſmitted to proper Hands with all Expedition.

Charles-Pariſh, York County,
Auguſt 11, 1755. THOMAS WARRINGTON.

The Speech of his Excellency Jonathan Belcher, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of* Nova-Cæſarea, *or* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the ſame, &c.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly,

UPON the Advices I have lately received of an Action between the King's Troops, under the Command of the late General Braddock, and a Body of French and Indians, on the Banks of the River Monongahela, and upon which the Engliſh Troops have been obliged to retreat; I ſay this extraordinary Event has been the Reaſon of my calling you together ſomething ſooner than I intended.——The Accounts of this Matter have been very various, but the moſt authentick, is a Letter from Mr. Orme, Aid de Camp to General Braddock, wrote to Governor Morris of Pennſylvania, which ſhall be communicated to you; and as this Matter may produce fatal Conſequences to this and the Neighbouring Provinces, I have thought it neceſſary that this whole Legiſlature ſhould enter into the earlieſt and moſt ſedate Conſultations for preventing the Evils that may accrue, and to do all in our Power for the beſt Defence and Safety of this Province, and thoſe of our Neighbours; and before I leave this Subject you will give me Leave to recommend to you the paſſing of a Bill for reſtraing the Exportation of Proviſions and warlike Stores, out of this Province for ſome raſonable Time.

I think it is ſtoried of the Pelican, that ſhe ſucks out her own Blood to nouriſh and ſupply her Young;——an uncommon Storge in Nature, and in a good Degree, a fine Pattern for Imitation for all true Fathers and Lovers of their Country. How unnatural a Perfidy is it then for any Perſons or People, from a voracious Thirſt after filthy Lucre, to be ſupporting their Enemies with Food and Raiment, and warlike Stores, thereby to enable them to ſubſiſt, and to be continually annoying their Neighbours who thus ſupport them. And if I am rightly informed, this has been the Caſe too often, of ſome of our Neighbouring Provinces, in ſupplying the French in the Manner I mentioned, or many of their Settlements muſt have been broken up long ago. And altho' we have certain Advice that a large Fleet of French Ships and Land Forces are arrived at Cape-Breton, and at Canada, yet we are at the ſame Time informed that they are in great Streights as to Proviſions, we ſhall therefore honor ourſelves in paſſing ſuch an Act as I have mentioned, which may greatly diſtreſs the Enemy, and have a good Tendency to the better Safety of all the Engliſh Colonies.

Gentlemen, I have lately received a Letter from Mr. Dinwiddie, Governor of Virginia, relating to the Arms with which he ſupplied us, as alſo a Letter from Col. Peter Schuyler reſpecting the Troops of this Province under his Command, both which Letters I ſhall order to be laid before you, that you may do upon them what may be neceſſary in Support of the Honor and Juſtice of this Government.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

As the raiſing of Monies, for defraying all the paſt Charge, of what has lately been thought neceſſary and expedient to be done, together with the uſual Support of the Government, belongs to you to begin upon, I ſhall not doubt your giving the beſt Diſpatch, to what moſt properly originates at your Houſe.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly,

If you can think of any Thing elſe, for advancing the King's Honor and Intereſt, and the Weal and Proſperity of New-Jerſey, I ſhall upon your ſuggeſting it to me, chearfully promote it to the utmoſt of my Power.

Elizabeth-Town, Council-Chamber, *Auguſt* 1ſt. 1755 J. BELCHER.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly to the Governor.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Nevill, and Mr. Smith do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe having unanimouſly come to a Concluſion, to do the neceſſary Buſineſs of the Colony at this Time, as well as to duly conſider the important Matters his Excellency has recommended to us, out of a tender Regard to the Privileges eſtabliſhed by our Anceſtors, find it neceſſary to make this Application to his Excellency, to deſire he will be pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to Perth-Amboy, as that is one of the uſual Places of doing Buſineſs, and we apprehend the neceſſary Intercourſe between his Excellency and us, may be as ready as it proved at the Seſſions in October laſt.

A Meſſage from the Governor the ſame Day.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

IN Anſwer to your Meſſage of this Day, I am well pleaſed, that you are come to an unanimous Concluſion, to do the neceſſary Buſineſs of the Colony at this Time, as well as to conſider duly the important Matters I have recommended to you. You cannot but be ſenſible as well as I, what a critical Conjuncture this is with Reſpect to the Welfare and Safety of this Province, you will therefore give all poſſible Diſpatch in the Affairs that lie before you. As to the other Part of your Meſſage, I muſt aſſert the King's Right and Prerogative, and that the calling you hither is abſolutely conſonant to the King's Royal Orders to me.

However the old Romans wiſely conſidered, that while Hanibal was at their Gates, all Diſputes and Contentions ſhould ſubſide; and as I look upon the Province in the preſent Situation of Affairs, to be attended with much Difficulty and Hazard, in Anſwer to your Requeſt I have ordered the Secretary to adjourn you to To-morrow the Second Inſtant, to meet at Perth-Amboy.

Elizabeth-Town, Council-Chamber, *Auguſt* 1ſt, 1755. J. BELCHER.

HALIFAX, June 28.

To his Excellency CHARLES LAWRENCE, *Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of* Nova-Scotia, *&c. &c.*

The ADDRESS of the Merchants, Traders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of *Halifax*, in *Nova-Scotia.*

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE the Merchants, Traders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, humbly beg Leave to offer our Compliments of Congratulation on the late happy Succeſs of his Majeſty's Arms in the Reduction of the French Forts at Chiegnecto, which (under GOD) is intirely owing to the wiſe and prudent Meaſures taken by your Excellency in the original planning of this Expedition; the Countenance and Aſſiſtance of his Excellency Governor Shirley; the Vigilance, Activity, and Military Accompliſhments of the Hon. Col. Monckton, Commander in Chief; and the Bravery and Spirit of the Troops, who generouſly engaged themſelves in that Affair, from a juſt Reſentment of the Encroachments made by the French on his Majeſty's Territories in theſe Parts.

From this happy Beginning, we have the greateſt Hopes of the Succeſs of any other Enterprize you may have concerted for obtaining that Peace and Tranquillity to us and the reſt of his Majeſty's loyal Subjects in this Province, which we have been long deprived of by the Machinations of our envious Neighbours, and their barbarous and blood-thirſty Emiſſaries, who by their cruel and unnatural Proceedings ſince the Commencement of this Settlement after the late general Peace, ſeem to have ſhaken off and trampled under Foot all Regard to Laws human and divine

That all the wicked and pernicious Deſigns plotted for depriving his Majeſty of his juſt Rights, and his good Subjects of their Lives and Properties, may meet with Diſappointment; and that your Excellency (whoſe indefatigable Vigilance and Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, and the Good of the Publick, has ſo greatly manifeſted itſelf upon all Occaſions) may long remain at the Helm of this Government, to over-awe our open as well as conceal'd Enemies, and to render this a happy and flouriſhing Province, will, we doubt not, be the ſincere Wiſhes of all who have the Britiſh Intereſt really at Heart, and who have the Honor to know your Excellency's Merit; as they moſt unfeignedly are thoſe of,

Your Excellency's moſt obedient,
and moſt obliged humble Servants, *&c. &c. &c.*

BOSTON, July 14, 1755.

To the Publiſhers of the BOSTON GAZETTE, &c.

Pleaſe to inſert the following in your next, whereby you will oblige
Your humble Servant, &c.

WHILST we are rejoicing in the "happy Succeſs of his Majeſty's "Arms in the Reduction of the French Forts at Chiegnecto," it is a Pity any Occaſion ſhould be given for conteſting, to whom the Credit of this Succeſs, under Providence, chiefly belongs But there ſeems to be juſt Occaſion given for this, if the Point will bear conteſting, by the extraordinary Addreſs of the Merchants, Traders, &c. of Halifax, to Lieutenant Governor Lawrence, publiſhed there in the Gazette of June 28th. A Perſon, not ſufficiently acquainted with this Affair, would naturally conclude from that Addreſs, That theſe Forts were not reduced by Troops raiſed in New-England, under New-England Officers, but by his Majeſty's regular Troops in Nova-Scotia; though not wholly without the "Coun-"tenance and Aſſiſtance of his Excellency Governor Shirley." This is the Idea which the Language of the Addreſs naturally conveys; in which Reſpect, it muſt be confeſs'd, the Subſtance of it correſponds very well to the introductory Part, wherein they "humbly beg Leave to offer their "Compliments," &c. For there is really ſo little of Truth or Juſtice in this Repreſentation, that the Addreſs can hardly be looked upon as any Thing more or better, than a Compliment. The Anſwer of both our Houſes of Aſſembly to Governor Shirley's Speeches of the 28th of March, and the 2d of April, 1754, is alone ſufficient to ſhew how much the Province of the Maſſachuſets-Bay has intereſted itſelf in the Welfare of Nova-Scotia. An Extract of that Anſwer is as follows.——"We therefore de-"ſire your Excellency to repreſent to his Majeſty the expoſed hazardous "State of theſe his Governments; and humbly to pray, that he would "be pleaſed to cauſe the moſt effectual Meaſures to be taken for the "Removal of any French Forts or Settlements that are or may be made "in any Part of his Territories on this Continent; and in Particular, that "the Subjects of the French King may be compelled to quit the Province "of Nova-Scotia, where, in direct Violation of the moſt expreſs Agree-"ment to the contrary, they are daily increaſing and fortifying them-"ſelves," &c.——It was, I humbly conceive, chiefly owing to Governor Shirley's repreſenting and preſſing this Matter Home, agreeable to the Requeſt of our General Aſſembly, that thoſe vigorous Meaſures were entered upon for the Security of Nova-Scotia, which have already happily ſucceeded in Part; and which are ſtill in Proſecution by his Majeſty's New-England irregular Troops, in Conjuction with a few of the Regulars of that Province. I have no Inclination to detract from the acknowledged Merit of Governor Lawrence; nor do I now diſpute the "Vigilance, Ac-"tivity and military Accompliſhments of the Hon. Col. Monckton," he gave one Proof of his Activity and military Accompliſhments, while he was here at Boſton.——But the Part which Governor Shirley, Col. Winſlow, and the Province of the Maſſachuſets, had in this Affair, could not, I think, with any Propriety or Decency, be paſſed over with the ſlight, general Acknowledgment of ſome "Countenance and Aſſiſtance." The Troops employed in this Expedition, irregular as well as regular, are, we know, in his Majeſty's Pay: But the Expedition was, at leaſt, as much Governor Shirley's as Governor Lawrence's. Nay, it might, with much more Propriety be ſaid, That Governor Shirley had "the Aſſiſtance," of Governor Lawrence herein, than that the latter had "the Aſſiſtance," of the former; Governor Shirley being plainly the Principal in it, and almoſt all the Troops employed, being raiſed in this Province, under his Direction. It is well known that above 2000 of the Troops went from hence; who enliſted to go upon this Enterprize, under the immediate Command of Lieut. Colonel Winſlow, a New-England Man; whoſe Reputation as a Soldier, and a good Officer, was eſtabliſhed amongſt us. Theſe Troops, when they came to Nova-Scotia, were joined and aſſiſted only by about 250 or 280 Regulars, under Lieut. Colonel Monckton: Tho' when they came to act in Conjunction with the Regulars, the chief Command of the Whole devolved (I ſuppoſe of Courſe) upon Col. Monckton, as being the ſuperior Officer upon the Royal Eſtabliſhment. This being a true, tho' brief Repreſentation of the Caſe, I appeal to the World, whether it is juſt that the chief Honor of this proſperous Expedition ſhould be ſnatched from Governor Shirley, Col. Winſlow, and our New-England Troops, and beſtowed, by Way of Compliment, upon thoſe who had, comparatively ſpeaking, ſo ſlender a Claim to it. This Addreſs is a Specimen of the Returns made by thoſe whom we have ſo often ſuccoured and defended. Nova-Scotia muſt have long ſince fallen intirely into the Hands of the French, had it not been once and again befriended and ſupported by the Province of the Maſſachuſets-Bay. But it ſeems that they, who have been from Time to Time, both imploring, and receiving Protection from us, now envy us the Honor of affording it to them; and ſtrangely arrogate to themſelves the Credit of whatever is generouſly done by others for their Defence and Security, as if it were both more bleſſed and more reputable to receive than to give. I am the more ſurprized at this Addreſs, as it comes from the Merchants and Traders at Halifax, who, 'tis ſaid, are chiefly New-England Men; and who, as ſuch, ought certainly to have had a great Regard to the Credit of their native Country, how little ſoever many of them had in it, when they made Halifax their Aſylum.

PHILADELPHIA, Auguſt 21.

We hear from Cheſter County, that on Tueſday laſt one John Myrack of Eaſt-Caln, murdered his Wife, two of his own Children, and a Child of Mr John Gilliland's, that was nurſing at his Houſe, in a moſt barbarous Manner; after he had murdered his Wife, he burnt her Face to ſuch a Degree, that no Perſon could know her: His Childrens Skulls he beat to Pieces againſt a Rock that was before his Door: And Mr Gilliland's he carried a little Way into the Woods, and there killed and left it. He afterwards endeavoured to make his Eſcape, but was immediately taken, when he confeſſed the horrid Fact, and is now confined in Cheſter Goal.

Aſſembly-Chamber, Philadelphia, *the Fifth Day of the Eighth Month, called* Auguſt, 1755. *P. M.*

The Governor, by the Secretary, ſent down to the Houſe, the Bill "for raiſing Fifty Thouſand Pounds for the King's Uſe, by a Tax on all "Eſtates, real and perſonal, within this Province, &c." with ſundry propoſed Amendments thereto, which were read and conſidered; and it being obſerved by the Houſe, that the Governor propoſes, in the ſaid Amendments, to exempt the Proprietary Eſtate from contributing any Thing towards the Sum to be raiſed for the common Security of the Province, a Meſſage was thereupon prepared, and ſent up to the Governor, importing, that 'the taxing of the Proprietary Eſtate with the Eſtates of 'the People of the Province, for their common Security in this Time of 'imminent Danger, ſeems to us ſo perfectly equitable and juſt, that we 'are ſurprized the Governor ſhould propoſe it as an Amendment to our 'Bill, that the Proprietary Eſtate in this Inſtance be exempted:—— 'That the Governor would be pleaſed to acquaint us explicitly, whether 'he is reſtricted by the Proprietaries from paſſing the Bill as it ſtands in 'that Particular, tho' it were otherwiſe conſiſtent with his Judgment; 'ſince it will only waſte Time to endeavour to convince him of its Reaſonableneſs, if after all it ſhould not obtain his Aſſent.——And, That 'if it be poſſible that ſuch Exemption of the Proprietary Eſtate, from its 'Share in the common Expence of ſecuring the Whole, ſhould appear to 'the Governor a Thing right in itſelf; we would then requeſt him to 'favor us with the Reaſons of his Opinion, that we may take them im-'mediately into Conſideration; for till this Matter is explained and un-'derſtood, we think it needleſs to conſider any other propoſed Alteration.'

Governor Morris's Anſwer to this Meſſage contains the Reaſons of his Opinion why the Proprietary Eſtate ſhould be exempted from the propoſed Tax; and the Aſſembly's Reply contains their Remarks on thoſe Reaſons, which, they ſay, 'do not appear to them ſufficient;' but both are too long to be inſerted in the New-York Gazette. We are ſorry to find the whole of their Proceedings fraught with great Heat and Animoſity on both Sides, occaſioned by this Fifty Thouſand Pound Bill, which the Aſſembly ſent up a ſecond Time to the Governor, begging he 'would again 'calmly and ſeriouſly conſider it, and that without his Aſſent thereto the 'Money could not be raiſed.' The Governor's Anſwer to this Particular, is, That he was expreſly reſtrained by his Commiſſion from conſenting to any Act that may encumber the Proprietary Eſtate, from which every unprejudiced Perſon might ſee clearly that his Powers did not extend to the preſent Caſe, (to wit, the paſſing the Bill under Conſideration;) and that if he acceded

acceded to their Opinion, he would be guilty of a manifeſt Breach of Truſt. And in another Place he ſays, That he had it not in his Power conſiſtent with Duty and Honor, to conſent to their new and extraordinary Claim. The Aſſembly's Replication was, That the Bill they had ſent up to him was a Money Bill, granting Fifty Thouſand Pounds to the King's Uſe, and they could ſee no Reaſon to alter it; they therefore would adhere to the Bill, and deſired the Governor would be pleaſed to give them his final Anſwer, whether he would or would not paſs it as it then ſtood.

LONDON, June 4.

Among the many uſeleſs Members of Society, there are none ſo unprofitable as the Fraternity of Gameſters. I therefore, think, that they (eſpecially this Summer) would be much better employed in handling a Muſket, than in ſhuffling a Pack of Cards, attending Cock Pits and Horſe Races, or ſhaking the Dice Box. As to the Gamblers and Sharpers, it is a Pity that the ſame Dexterity which enables them to palm an Ace or cog a Dice, is not uſed by them in going thro' the manual Exerciſe in the military Way. Theſe latter might, indeed, be employed as Marines, and ſtationed in the Weſt-Indies, as many of them have already croſſed the Seas, and are perfectly well acquainted with the Plantations.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at the Hague, to a Merchant in London, dated May 8,

" The News you ſend me are very intereſting, and very agreeable. As I am an Egliſhman, it is with great Pleaſure I hear, that the Britiſh Lion is at laſt rouſed out of his lethargic Slumbers, that he ſhakes his Mein, and his Eyes threaten Vengeance on thoſe who have diſturbed his Repoſe; and as he ſeems to have recovered his Spirit, free him from his Den, where he has been ſo long cooped up, and let him range at large, and you will ſoon ſee his Enemies, who took Advantage of his Patience or Indolence to inſult him, fly before him, or hiding themſelves from his Fury.

But Metaphor apart; you tell me of the vaſt Preparations the Government is making for a War with France; with what Alacrity and Expedition they have been forwarded; the Chearfulneſs and Readineſs with which your Sailors enter the Service upon the Encouragement that is given them, whereby a noble Fleet is manned, and ready for ſailing Orders. But this is not all; you add, that the King is determined not to looſe an Inch of Ground in his American Territories, that the Parliament has the like Sentiments, and reſove to ſupport his Majeſty in ſo righteous a Cauſe.

Moreover you aſſure me, that the Nation in general concur with the King and his Miniſtry; that nothing but a War can bring the French to Reaſon. But what you add farther ſeems almoſt incredible, namely, that Faction is ſtruck dumb, and that the Parties uſually denominated high and low, Whig and Tory, Court and Country, which on all popular Occaſions acted with the utmoſt Virulence and Animoſity againſt each other, are now united as one Man, are all animated with the ſame Spirit, which breaths nothing but Vengeance on the perfidious French for their daring Outrages and Inſults upon the Honor of the Britiſh Name and Nation. All this looks well; and it ſeems as if the Britiſh Genious was, after a long Abſence, returned with renewed Vigor, and had again inſpired her favorite Sons with all the Fire of their heroic Anceſtors.

But after all, you aſk me an unlucky Queſtion, and that is, which of the two Nations, in my Opinion, will ſtrike the firſt Blow? or, in other Words, which of the two will firſt proclaim War? To anſwer this Queſtion at large, would exceed the Bounds of a Letter; and therefore I ſhall compriſe what I have to ſay upon it in a few Words. It is my Opinion, that Great Britain will not be the Aggreſſor in this Caſe; becauſe if ſo doing, ſhe will deprive herſelf of all her Allies, who I think, are not obliged to ſend her any Aid, but in Caſe of her being firſt attacked Who thoſe Allies are that can afford her any Aſſiſtance in a marine War, I ſhall take another Opportunity to explain.

On the other Hand, that the French will not be the firſt to declare War, ſeems pretty plain: For ſo long as they can keep a Negotiation on Foot, which aſſure yourſelf they try all their Arts to prolong, and under that Cloak be continually ſending Succors to and ſtrengthning their Forces in America, they will think it uneceſſary to declare War, as they believe they ſhall gain their Point by a much eaſier and leſs hazardous Method.

How the Britiſh Miniſtry will conduct themſelves on this critical Occaſion, I ſhall not preſume to give my Opinion, though I have not the leaſt Doubt, but their Reſolution will be directed with the utmoſt Prudence and Caution. However, in my next, I will venture to give you the Sentiments of the People on this Side of the Water, which I imagine will be as ſatisfactory, as if I had given you my own."

I am, &c.

Virginia, ſſ.

By the Honorable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Eſq; His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*:

A PROCLAMATION,

For a FAST.

WHEREAS we have but too much Reaſon to fear, that our Sins have juſtly provoked the Almighty to ſend down upon us his heavy Judgements of War and Famine; and as national Repentance is the only Remedy for national Guilt, I have therefore thought fit to iſſue this Proclamation, appointing *Wedneſday* the 24th of *September* to be religiouſly and devoutly obſerved, as a *GENERAL FAST*, for the ſolemn and public Humiliation of ourſelves before Almighty GOD, in Order to ſupplicate His divine Majeſty for the Pardon of our Sins, for averting thoſe heavy Judgments, and more particularly for the Preſervation of us from the Hands of our Enemies.

AND I hereby ſtrictly charge and require, that in all Churches, where the Miniſters can poſſibly attend, divine Service be performed, and a Sermon be preached ſuitable to the Occaſion; and that on ſome preceding *Sunday* they give Notice of the ſaid *FAST*, and exhort their ſeveral Congregations to a devout and religious Obſervation of it.

GIVEN under my Hand, at *Williamſburg*, this 28th Day of *Auguſt*, in the 29th Year of His Majeſty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, 1755.

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

GOD Save the KING.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHEREAS many of the Soldiers have deſerted and carried with them the Public Arms, ſome of which they have ſold to the Inhabitants of this Colony, as they travelled through the Country; this is to give Notice, that unleſs ſuch Perſons as have purchaſed the ſame, do immediately deliver them up to the commanding Officers of the County where they reſide, Suits will be brought without Delay for the Recovery of them; and all the Officers in the ſeveral Counties are deſired to make Enquiry about them, and to ſend with all poſſible Diſpatch ſuch as ſhall come to their Hands, to the commanding Officer of the next County, in the Way to *Winchester*, *Fredericksburg*, or *Alexandria*, and ſo from one to another, 'til they arrive at *Winchester*, *Fredericksburg*, or *Alexandria* aforeſaid.

Notice is alſo given to all Soldiers who have deſerted, That if they will return to their Duty at *Winchester*, *Fredericksburg*, or *Alexandria*, by the 20th Day of *September*, they ſhall be received without any Puniſhment; if they don't, there will be the ſtricteſt Search made for them, and Proſecutions carried on againſt them, for the Offences of Deſertion and ſtealing the Arms aforeſaid, according to Law.

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

THE Perſons appointed, by Act of Aſſembly, to agree with Workmen, for the Building a Wall round the Magazine, and a Guard Houſe, will meet for that Purpoſe on *Wedneſday* next, at Ten o'Clock, at the Magazine.

To be SOLD,

BEFORE Mr. *Finnie*'s Door, on the 23d Day of *October* next, Two Lots of Ground, ſituate on the Back Street, near Col. *Cuſtis*'s in *Williamſburg*; on which there is a good Dwelling Houſe, containing Six Rooms and Cloſets, a good dry Cellar, with all convenient Out-Houſes, and a good Well: Twelve Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaſer giving Bond and Security. At the ſame Time and Place will be ſold, for Bills of Exchange or ready Money, Two Negroes, bred to the Buſineſs of a Cabinet-maker; likewiſe will be ſold, at the Subſcriber's Shop near the Church, ſundry Pieces of Cabinet Work, of Mahogony and Walnut, conſiſting of Deſks, Book-Caſes, Tables of various Sorts, Tools, and ſome Materials. Six Months Credit will be given to thoſe that purchaſe above the Value of Fifty Shillings, on their giving Bond and Security; and Five *per Cent.* will be allowed for ready Money.

And as I intend to go for *Great-Britain* the latter End of next Month, therefore, I deſire all Perſons indebted to me, to make ſpeedy Payment, otherwiſe they may expect Trouble without further Notice.

Peter Scott.

To be SOLD, on reaſonable Terms,

A VERY good Dwelling Houſe, with all convenient Out-Houſes, and Four Lots; Credit will be given according to Agreement: Alſo a fine large Houſe, to be rented by the Year or leas'd, very convenient for Trade, ſituate on the Second Street in *York* Town: Terms may be known by applying to the Subſcriber on the Premiſſes.

The Subſcriber is in Want of a Plantation, that is to be leaſed for Three or Four Years, ſituated near *James* or *York* River, with Houſes and Land ſufficient for a Family and Three or Four Hands.

Reginald Orton.

To be SOLD, by Way of public Auction, at Richmond, *on* Monday *the 6th of* October *next, being* Henrico *Court Day.*

THREE *Virginia*-born Slaves, various Sorts of Houſhold and Kitchen Furniture, likewiſe Horſes, Hogs, and Cattle, &c. Credit will be given till the firſt of *April* next, on giving Security, as uſual.

Giles Letcher.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Store lately kept by *Robert Miller*, in *Williamſburg*, are deſired to pay their ſeveral Ballances, to Mr. *James Anderſon*, at Mr. *Cocke*'s Store, in this Town, before the laſt of *October*, or they may depend on being ſued for the ſame.

Francis Miller.

STRAYED from Mr. *Finnie*'s Paſture, on *Monday* the firſt of *September*, a large Cheſnut color'd Mare, with a long Blaze on her Fore-head, a ſhort Switch Tail, and branded on the near Buttock G S. Whoever conveys her to me, in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have Half a Piſtole Reward.

Alexander Finnie.

TAKEN up the Subſcriber, living in *Lunenburg* County, a Bay Mare, with a Star in her Fore-head, a large Snip on her Noſe, a hanging Mane, and a black Liſt along her Back, her near hind Foot white, and branded on the near Buttock nearly thus *TG*: She has been poſted and appraiſed at Three Pounds Ten Shillings. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Proporty and paying as the Law directs.

John Waller.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Lunenburg* County; an Iron-grey Horſe, with a Sprig Tail, and branded on the near Shoulder T: He has been appraiſed at Five Pounds. The Owner may have him of me, pay-ing as the Law directs.

John Waller.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living on *Louſe*-Creek, in *Lunenburg* County; a ſmall dapple-grey Horſe, 4 Feet 3 Inches high, with two Glaſs Eyes, his Feet, Mane, and Tail white, and a ſmall Bell tied with a Bear-Skin Strap, about Seven Years old, and branded on the near Buttock thus : : ; he has been appraiſed at three Pounds. Whoever proves his Property, may have him of me, on paying as the Law directs.

Francis Mann.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living on *Loure*-Creek, in *Lunenburg* County; a dark Bay Horſe, with a Star on his Fore-head, a Snip on his Noſe, three white Feet, a ſmall Crop and Under-Keel in the Left Ear, branded on the near Buttock thus (I), about Ten Years old. Any Perſon proving his Property, may have him, on paying as the Law directs.

James Barton.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, in *Lunenburg* County, a young Sorrel Mare, with a Blaze down her Face, ſome White on her Noſe and under Lip, with two white Feet; nither dock'd nor branded, about two or three Years old. Any Perſon on prov- his Property may have her, paying as the Law directs.

John Macneeſe.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near *Cub*-Creek Bridge, a Sorrel Horſe, with a large Blaze down his Face, about 6 Years old, branded on the near Shoulder and near Buttock, G or D, with a ſmall Bell marked D. Whoever claims the ſaid Horſe, mayhave him, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

William Caldwell.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living on the Head of *Weakway* Creek, in *Brunſwick* County, a ſmall grey Horſe, branded on the near Buttock IC, his Face and hind Legs are of a lighter Color than his other Parts. The Owner may have him of me, on paying as the Law directs.

Richard Willis.

To

To be SOLD, *to the highest Bidder, at the Door of the* Raleigh *Tavern in* Williamsburg, *on* Friday *the 24th of* October *next.*

A VALUABLE Tract of Land, formerly belonging to Capt. *William Cinch*, containing 5300 Acres, lying on *Whipping* Creek, in the County of *Bedford*, great Part of which is very rich, much freer from Stones and more level than is common for high Lands; it is well watered and timbered, and an extraordinary good Range for Cattel &c. there being many large Meadows adjoining: There is on it Two small Plantations, about 100 Miles from *Warwick* and *Bolling*'s and a Cart-road to each. The Purchaser to be allowed Six Months Credit, and may enter on the Premises immediately.

John Ruffin.

N. B. There is also at the same Time to be sold, 50 or 60 Head of Cattle belonging to the said Plantations.

September 3, 1755.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the President and Bursar of *William & Mary* College will be at *Newcastle*, on the 29th Instant, to examine into the State of the College Lands in *King-William* County, and to grant new Leases, where wanted.

SCHEME of a LOTTERY,

FOR raising the Sum of £. 6875, for the further Protection of his Majesty's Subjects against the Insults and Incroachments of the *French*, in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly, passed the 9th Day of *July* last.

This LOTTERY consists of 25,000 Tickets at 21 *s.* 6 *d.* each, 2050 of which are Prizes, of the following Value:

Number of Prizes.		*Value in Current Money.*	*Total Value.*
1	of	£. 2000	£. 2000
1	of	1000	1000
4	of	500	2000
5	of	200	1000
6	of	150	900
8	of	100	800
15	of	50	750
50	of	20	1000
150	of	10	1500
1810	of	5	9050
2050 Prizes, 22950 Blanks.		amounting to	£. 20000 Total Value.

25000 Pistoles, at 21 *s.* 6 *d.* each, is £. 26875
To be paid in Prizes, 20000

£. 6875 to be applied to the particular Purposes by the said Act directed, for the Protection of the Country.

If 20,000 Tickets are disposed of by the 11th Day of *December* next, the drawing of the Lottery will then begin at the *Capitol*, in *Williamsburg*; and the Tickets remaining unsold will be drawn on Account, and for the Benefit, of the Country; but if there should be more than 5000 Tickets remaining unsold on that Day, then the drawing of the said Lottery is to be put off 'til the 6th Day of *May* next.

As soon as the Drawing is finished, the Prizes will be published in the *Gazette*, and the Money paid to the Possessors of fortunate Tickets, if demanded in Six Months after: But the Prizes, not demanded in that Time, will be deemed as generously given for the Use of the Country, and be applied accordingly.

The Persons following are appointed Managers of this Lottery, *viz. John Robinson, Charles Carter, Peyton Randolph*, Esqrs. and *Landon Carter, Carter Burwell, Benjamin Waller*, and *James Power*, Gentlemen, who have given Bond and Security, and are on Oath, for the faithful Performance of their Trust.

TICKETS are to be sold by the said Managers, at their respective Dwellings.

Just imported from LONDON, *and to be sold in* RICHMOND,

SARSAPARILLA and China Root, Turkey and China Rhubarb, Camphire, Epsom and Glauber Salts, Pill ex duobus, and Pill Cochiæ M Succotrine Aloes, and Borax; Mercury, Antimony and Jesuits Bark, Sperma Ceti, Spirit and Oil of Turpentine, Aquafortis, Flake Manna, Hartshorn Shavings, Sena, Gold-beater's Skin, Gold and Silver Leaf, Flower of Brimstone, white and brown Sugar Candy, Lunar Caustic, Gum, Myrrh, Galbanum, Assa fœtida, Elimi, Balsam, Peruvian, Tolu, Capivi, Senna, Opium, Cremor Tartar, Guaiacum, Liquorice Ball, West-India Tamarinds, Squire's and Daffey's Elixirs, Anderson's and Lockyer's Pills, British Oil, Bateman's Drops, and Turlington's Balsam of Life. Also several Materials for Painting, *viz.* Red Lead, Vermillion, Verdigrease, Linseed Oil in Carboys, and Sweet-Oil in Flasks, with sundry other Medicines.

To be had at the same Place,

WILLS's UNIVERSAL DROPS, for the FLUX.

THE Preparation of this Medicine was communicated to me, by a *Mahometan* Doctor, in the *East-Indies*, where it's wonderful Efficacy is well known: I have administred it in different Climates, especially in this Colony, with great Success; it gives the Patient immediate Ease, and causes to cease racking and griping Pains in the Intestines, often going to Stool, inward and slow Fevers, a Burning at the Stomach; it promotes natural Rest, and slackens Thirst by Degrees, and many other Symptoms that attend this Malady, during the Cure.

Above one hundred Persons, near this Place, have been perfectly cured by this Medicine, and two other simple Medicines, which will be given with the above.

The Bottle is 10 *s.* 9 *d.* with printed Directions; and a List of Persons cured may be seen at my House.

Also *WILLS*'s Original EYE-WATER, Price 5 *s.* 9 *d.* 6

To be SOLD, *the first Day of* October *Fair next, at* Fredericksburg,

A Valuable Tract of Land, pursuant to the last Will and Testament of *William Woodford*, Gent. deceas'd, containing 1600 Acres, more or less, lying on *Nusiponix* Run, within six Miles of the Town of *Fredericksburg*. As also the Negroes and Stock thereon, to the highest Bidder, for current Money, on six Months Credit, giving Bond and Security, as usual, to the

EXECUTORS.

N. B. The Negroes and Stock will be sold, with or without the Land, as can be agreed, on the Day of Sale 4

To be Lett, or Sold, and Entered into immediately,

THE Brick Ordinary, in *Newcastle* Town, where Mr. *Richard Dobson* now lives. The Terms may be known by applying to

William Taylor.

Louisa County, *June* 25, 1755.

IMported in the Ship *Esther & Mary*, Capt. *Robert Whiting*, last Spring, the following Parcels of Goods, *viz.* a Cask with Nails, No. 1. a Bale with Cotton and Oznabrigs, No. 2. a Case with a Watering Pot, a Horsemans Coat, and a Pair of Garden Sheers, No. 3. a Box with Pipes, No. 4. mark'd I C with Figure 4 and Crows Foot; which said Goods are supposed to be landed in some distant Part of the Country, as I could never gain any Intelligence of them; therefore I take this Method to desire such Person, or Persons, as may have them in their Possession, to give me Notice where I may have them, and the Favor shall be gratefully acknowledged, by

t. f. Their humble Servant,

John Carr.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Glocester* County, near the Court-House, on the 4th Day of *July* last, a large white Horse, near 14 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock R B, undock'd, he trots and gallops, and appears to be about 12 Years old, and has been appraised at Five Pounds. The Owner may have him of me, on paying as the Law directs.

William Rowe, Jun.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, in *King & Queen* County, a middle-siz'd Bay Horse, with a bob'd Tail, short Mane, and branded on the near Buttock I S. He has been posted and appraised at Four Pounds. The Owner may have him of me, paying as the Law directs.

John Strachey.

August 29, 1755.

STRAY'D or stolen from the Subscriber, in *Blandford*, about four Months ago, a large Bay Mare, with a Switch Tail, and branded on the near Shoulder S, and near Buttock W. She had a very sore Back when she went away. Whoever brings her to me, in *Blandford*, shall receive a Pistole Reward; and if stolen, Five Pistoles on Conviction of the Thief.

Walter Boyd.

To be SOLD *or* RENTED, *and entered on immediately,*

A LARGE Brick House with six Fire Rooms and Closets, two Kitchens, a Smoak-House, and Stable, with a large Lot and Garden pail'd in, situate on the main Street, opposite to the *George* Tavern. The Terms to be known by applying to the Subscriber, in *Hampton*.

Alexander Kennedy.

York-Town, *August* 27, 1755.

RAN away from the Subscriber, early on *Saturday* Morning last, a young Negroe Fellow, named *Mingo*, of a yellowish Complexion, slim made, about 15 Years of Age; had on when he went away, a light colored Russia Drab Coat: He was seen in and about *Hampton*, and pretended he was sent down to wait on a Gentleman. He took with him a Bay Horse, which has since been found near *Hampton*. Whoever will apprehend the said Slave, and deliver him to Mr. *Jacob Walker*, or Mr. *George Walker*, in *Hampton*, shall have Half a Pistole Reward, besides what the Law allows.

John Norton.

N. B. The said Slave has been Outlaw'd.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *Winchester* Town, *Frederick* County, on *Tuesday* the 12th of *August*, a Servant Woman, named *Hannah Willson*, about 30 Years of Age, of a middle Stature, good Complexion, born in *Denmark*, but speaks *Low Dutch*, and pretty good *English*; and, it is supposed, she went away with some Sailors that were in the Battle on the *Monongahela*, and were going to their Ship at *Hampton*: She had on when she went away a blue quilted Petticoat, a white Flannel ditto, a red flower'd Jacket, and a white ditto, but no Shoes: It is suppos'd that she has dress'd herself in Sailor's Apparel, in Order to go to *London* with the said Sailors. Whoever will apprehend and secure the said Runaway, so that she may be had again, shall have Three Pistoles Reward, besides all reasonable Charges, paid by

Henry Brinker.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, in *Glocester* County, a small black Horse about 12 Hands high, and branded on the near Buttock with the Letter G the wrong Way. The Owner may have him of me, paying as the Law directs.

Lewis Booker.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, in *Culpeper* County, a middle-siz'd black Mare, branded on the off Buttock H: She hath been appraised at Thirty Shillings. The Owner may have her of me, paying as the Law directs.

James Spilman.

To be SOLD, *at the* Printing-Office, *in* Williamsburg, *very cheap, for ready Money,*

SUNDRY Sets of Surveying Instruments, with Chains, Protractors, &c. with Cases of Instruments for protracting, Brass Land Quadrants, &c.

To be SOLD, *by the Subscribers, by Virtue of Powers of Attorney, from* William M'Redie, *Brother and Heir at Law to* Thomas M'Redie *of* Fredericksburg, *Merchant, deceas'd, and* Thomas M'Redie, *Father of the said* Thomas,

A Plantation in *Augusta* County, on *Shenandoe* River, containing 450 Acres more or less, 100 of which are extraordinary rich low Grounds; as also, Ten choice working Slaves, with Hogs, Horses, and Cattle. The Premisses may be entered upon, and enjoyed, at any Time after the Sale. Whoever has a Mind to purchase, may apply to us and know the Terms.

John Mitchell,
William Cuningham.

t. f.

To be SOLD, *in* Prince-George *County,*

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of Land, containing both valuable high and low Grounds, affords good Water, good Pasturage, and is well timber'd with large Oak, Pine and Poplar, whereon are three good Plantations, in good Order for Cropping; and the Manor Plantation is a very handsome Situation, with the following Conveniencies, *viz.* One Dwelling-House 32 by 25; containing 4 Rooms and 4 Closets, with 2 Brick Chimneys, plaister'd and white-wash'd; also another Dwelling-House 38 by 18, with a Stack of Chimneys in the Middle, 2 Rooms on a Floor, and a large Closet, plaister'd and white-wash'd, a good Dairy, Meat-House, Smoak-House, Kitchen, Quarter, Spinning-House with a Brick Chimney, one 40 and one 32 Feet Tobacco-Houses, a large well-fixed Store, with several other convenient Houses and Orchards; and on each of the other Plantations are two 32 Feet Tobacco-Houses, an Overseer's-House, and Negroe Quarters, likewise Orchards, and good Water. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms, by applying to *Charles Turnbull* at *Petersburg*, *John Hyndman* at *Smithfield*, or *William Stevenson* at *York*.

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